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Dear Sir/Madam

Ref: Submission – Proposed New Western Australian Electoral Boundaries

The Shire of Boddington, because of its unique location between two major highways (Albany and South West) has been shuffled from electorate to electorate in past electoral distributions. Boddington has more recently been in Avon and Collie, but it is understood the shire was located in different electorates prior to 1989.

The Shire of Boddington is situated within the Peel Regional Development Commission boundaries. It is also within the Western Australian Local Government Peel Region and comes under the Peel Division of the Police Force. Council has recently requested the Commission to support health, education and housing being managed by Peel Region authorities rather than remain in the Wheatbelt Region.

Boddington is currently located in the Avon Electorate, which is further from the shire than are the Wagin, Collie-Wellington or Murray Electorates that are immediately adjacent to our district.

The Shire of Boddington submits that it should be placed in the same electorate as Pinjarra and Waroona as we have much in common, being predominately mining communities as well as being located in the Peel Region. There are similar small rural land holdings and each shire has an attractive undulating countryside. We are all within an hour's drive of the metropolitan area.

Although our population is considerably lower than either Pinjarra or Waroona the announcement in February 2006 that the Boddington Gold Mine is to resume operations in mid-late 2008 will result in the district population doubling from around 1,500 to 3,000 in the next 3-5 years. (The mine will be employing 650 permanent workers when it commences producing gold and the multiplier effect suggests this will result in an extra 1,500 residents)

The difficulty the Electoral Distribution Commissioners face in reducing the number of country electorates is recognised. However, Councillors at the Shire of Boddington believe it makes sense for Boddington to be in the same Electorate as Waroona and Pinjarra (Shire of Murray) if at all possible.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

Yours faithfully

Peter Bradbrook
Chief Executive Officer

19 April 2007

Cc: Shire of Murray & Shire of Waroona